

WORMLEYSBURG BOROUGH

COUNCIL MINUTES

December 10, 2019

The regular meeting of the Wormleysburg Borough Council was held on December 10, 2019 in Council Chambers. Council President Tom Martini called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Borough Manager Deborah Ealer.

Borough Manager Ealer called the Roll.

President Thomas L. Martini	-	Excused
Mayor George O. Preble	-	Present
Vice President Stephen M. Hawbecker	-	Present
Treasurer Sue Stuart	-	Present
Mr. Joseph Deklinski	-	Present
Mr. George Kahler	-	Present
Mr. Warren Stumpf	-	Present
Ms. Margaret Stuski	-	Present

Also present were Borough Solicitor Bryan Salzmann, Esq.; West Shore Regional Police (WSRP) Chief Michael Hope, and Recording Secretary Krystal Moran.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Deklinski and seconded by Mr. Stumpf, the revised minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizens' comments.

REPORTS FROM APPOINTED BOROUGH OFFICERS

Borough Manager

Council accepted the Borough Manager's monthly report with no questions.

Borough Treasurer

Borough Treasurer Ealer presented the November Treasurer's Report as included in Council packet. Ms. Ealer reported that she asked the auditor for a year-end review to assure proper accounting.

ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Deklinski and seconded by Ms. Stuart, the monthly Treasurer’s Report was accepted unanimously with the understanding that there is the potential for an update by the auditor. Report to be filed for audit.

Borough Solicitor

Borough Solicitor had no report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Vice President Mr. Hawbecker thanked the Recreation Committee and volunteers for hosting a well-attended and successful children’s Christmas Party and Christmas Tree Lighting for Borough families.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Preble reviewed the monthly report from the West Shore Regional Police Commission and activity reports. There were no questions.

Mayor Preble also expressed appreciation to the Borough Manager Ealer and Borough Manager’s Secretary Krystal Moran for decorating the Borough Office for the holidays.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Hawbecker called on standing committee chairs for reports as follows. He noted there was no Planning Commission report.

Building, Property and Auxiliary Services

Chair Kahler had no report.

Administration Committee

ACTION: On motion made by Ms. Stuski and seconded by Mr. Deklinski, Council unanimously approved the distribution of funds as follows (as evidenced by the monthly check register).

<u>Accounts</u>	<u>Number of Checks</u>	<u>Distribution Summary</u>
General Fund	43	\$49,169.50
<u>Sewer Fund</u>	30	\$74,252.34
Total Activity	73	\$123,421.84

CAPCOG and Parks, Public Lands and Recreation Committee

Ms. Stuski noted that the Capitol Regional Council of Governments (CAPCOG) does not meet in December.

Ms. Stuski announced that a representative from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) will visit the Borough Office to discuss possible DCNR-related park projects on Friday, December 21, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All are invited.

Ms. Stuski also announced that S&T Bank will visit on Friday, December 21, at 12:00 p.m. to discuss banking options. Ms. Stuski noted that S&T Bank has been a good partner for the Capitol Regional Council of Governments (CAPCOG).

Planning Commission and Streets, Highways and Sanitary Affairs Committee

Mr. Deklinski thanked Mayor Preble, West Shore Regional Police (WSRP), Chief Michael Hope and his officers, West Shore Bureau of Fire (WSBOF), for their participation and support with the Community Holiday Tree Lighting held on Saturday, December 7, 2019.

Mr. Deklinski announced that the Storm Water Project for Rts. 11 & 15 is moving along. They are repaving Yverdon Drive and are reviewing the two sink holes that collapsed because of aging. A plan to replace the pipes over several years will be developed.

Codes Enforcement, Zoning, Sidewalks and Shade Trees Committee

Ms. Stuart expressed appreciation to volunteers and others who conducted and supported the holiday activities.

Public Safety Committee

ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Stumpf and seconded by Ms. Stuart, Council unanimously accepted the previous month's Fire Incident Report from the West Shore Bureau of Fire.

Mr. Stumpf announced that Santa will visit Borough neighborhoods on Saturday, December 21, 2019 between 3p.m. and 6 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Council Compensation – Borough Solicitor Bryan Salzman answered the question about council member wages, which can now be raised up to \$1,875 per year per the updated State law. If Council votes any changes to the compensation, it will involve creating and passing an ordinance and it will apply to the next cycle of elections.

Draft Ordinances

ACTION: On motion made by Ms. Stuart, seconded by Mr. Deklinski, Council unanimously agreed to approve the amendments as submitted and advertise three revised sections of ordinances covering: (1) definition of Resident in Residential Unit Code, (2) Fire Protection and Fire Prevention amendment, and (3) an amendment to the Animal ordinance to cover mini pigs.

Ordinance 519 - 2020 Budget

ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Hawbecker and second by Ms. Stuart, Council unanimously approved the 2020 Budget as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

HVAC – Mr. Kahler reviewed the HVAC software and control system updates required to repair the Borough Building’s system. Several points were discussed, and Council decided to seek additional options to assure the best possible value and use of funds.

Free Library Boxes - Mr. Deklinski presented the concept of hosting Little Free Library Boxes, which are designed to “take a book, return a book” to inspire a love of reading, build community, and spark creativity by fostering a neighborhood book exchange. Frederiksen Library has agreed to supply the books as needed. The proposed locations will be at Borough Hall Playground and Rupley Park Playground. Mr. Deklinski requested that Council endorse the concept and approve installations at the suggested locations. Mr. Deklinski noted that the Free Libraries will be monitored and maintained by volunteers who have been identified.

ACTION: On motion made by Ms. Stuart and seconded by Mr. Kahler, Council unanimously endorsed the concept and approved installation so long as sponsors are available and no fees are incurred.

ADJOURNMENT

Council meeting adjourned at 7:57p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krystal E Moran
Recording Secretary

Deborah Ealer
Borough Manager

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